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Renewal of Railway Tracks
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has set a daily target of laying 9.5 Kms. of track to complete its ambitious line doubling and capacity expansion projects earmarked for the next financial year;

(b) if so, whether the Railways has set aside a fund of around Rs.35,000 crore to undertake these works which include construction of new lines, gauge conversions and doubling of capacity and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways is also going to undertake major track renewal works to make the railway network safer; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): Indian Railways has fixed the target of commissioning of 3500 Km of New Line/Gauge Conversion/Doubling during 2017-18 which works out to average progress of approximately 9.5 Km per day.

(b): For the year 2017-18, Indian Railways has proposed to allocate `33,773.6 crore towards ongoing new lines, gauge conversions and doubling projects.

(c) & (d): Track renewal is an ongoing process which is undertaken as and when a stretch of track becomes due for renewal on age-cum-condition basis. Track Renewal works are planned in advance every year and their execution is prioritized according to the condition of track and overall availability of funds ensuring all the time that track is in a sound condition for safe running of trains. In case, any stretch of track is not renewed in time due to various reasons including scarcity of funds, material etc., suitable speed restrictions are imposed to ensure safe running of trains. For the year 2017-18, a target of 3600 Km track renewal has been fixed.

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